

HUMAN DISEASE. By A. E. Clark-Kennedy. (Pp. 267. 3s. 6d.) London : Penguin Books, 1957.

DR. CLARK-KENNEDY, physician to the London Hospital and Dean of the Medical School, and well known for his original presentation of medicine in the several textbooks he has written, has now produced a book for the layman. Many will still think that for the population generally, and especially for the more neurotic section of it likely to be most interested in this type of book, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. The author ranges widely, and on the whole wisely, over a wide variety of topics. Extreme compression can easily lead to misunderstanding and the expression of half-truths, but the author probably manages to avoid this better than most books of this kind. The book should be useful to students of the social sciences and medical students will find it stimulating in parts and of some general interest.

THE BREASTS AND BREAST FEEDING. By Harold Waller, M.B., F.R.C.O.G. (Pp. vii + 56; figs. 17. 7s. 6d.) London : Heinemann, 1957.

THIS small volume represents the teaching of the late Dr. Harold Waller. As all those interested in the feeding of the new-born are aware, Dr. Waller attained an outstanding place in presenting his views on the feeding of infants by natural methods. Obstetricians and pædiatricians owe a debt of gratitude to him for his great contribution to this important field.

Obstetricians and pædiatricians will appreciate the quality of his teaching, and midwives too will be glad to have his advice presented in this attractive book. It is concise, well written, and more than adequately illustrated.

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THE NATURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD. By Agatha H. Bowley, Ph.D., F.B.Psy.S. (Pp. xvi + 206; figs. 84. 10s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London : E. & S. Livingstone, 1957.

THIS is a book which concerns every parent, though it is especially important for teachers and all those who handle children. A concise account is given of a child's behaviour from infancy to adolescence. The difficulties which may arise at various stages and the methods of treating them are described.

The book is illustrated by case histories and photographs, and there is an extensive bibliography at the end of each chapter.

C. H. M. F.

MODERN TREATMENT YEAR BOOK, 1957. Edited by Sir Cecil Wakeley, Bt., K.B.E., C.B. (Pp. viii + 312. 25s.) London : Published for The Medical Press by Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 1957.

THIS annual volume is now well known to many general practitioners. This year there are thirty-two articles by experts in various branches of medicine and surgery dealing with the treatment of such conditions as coronary thrombosis, disturbed nights in the elderly, gangrene of the extremities, tumours of the bladder, the management of colostomies and of incurable malignant disease.

The articles are uniformly good and, although concerned primarily with treatment, they impart much information on symptomatology and diagnosis.

The general style of the annual has always been attractive, making for easy reading. In the present volume these traditions are well maintained.

W. G. F.

J. F. SUTHERLAND'S FIRST AID. Revised and rewritten by Halliday Sutherland, M.D., and I. Humphrey Evans, M.D., B.Sc. Forty-sixth Edition. (Pp. 85; figs. 45. 1s. 6d.) Edinburgh-London : E. & S. Livingstone, 1957.

AN amazing amount of information is compressed into this little book which could easily be carried in the waistcoat pocket. This work has now sold over 300,000 copies, and it has made a large and useful contribution to the dissemination of the elements of first aid.